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WATER AND LIGHT REPORT

Quarterly Statement Showing the
Receipts and Expenses of the
Plants Owned by the City.

Superintendent W. L. Allison Saturday night handed his quarterly report of the receipts and expenses of the water and light plants to the city council. The figures will be an interesting column for every tax payer and every resident of Iola.

No definite figures can be given showing to a cent how much ahead or how much behind the plants are running as some of the money paid in has been paid out for labor and some for permanent extensions. But the general showing seems to be very favorable, although the report of the committee which will exhaustively examine the report must be awaited before definite results can be obtained. Mr. Allison's report is exhaustive and accounts for every penny handled by him, tells whence it came and where it went. Below is given a summary for the three months from June to Sept. 15.

The city light plant consists of sixty street arc lights and eighteen commercial lights. The gross revenue from the commercial lights was \$296 for three months. The gross expense was \$458.96. So the cost for each street light for each month is to the city a fraction over ninety cents.

The water report shows that 175 connections have been made, but as many of these are used by two families, there are 211 families paying for service. The gross income for meters, service and taps was \$2,176.18. The gross expense was \$1,023.03. The net income will be seen to be \$553.15. Some of these connections have been in less than three months. Besides the benefits above cited the city has had sixty-five fire hydrants, with fire protection. At \$3 a month, a cheap estimate the city has received \$585 worth of benefit in the way of fire protection.

To be added on the dark side is the \$1,333.33 per quarter interest which the city owes Mr. Lanyon on the \$50,000 bonds. If the demand for water keeps up as it has in the past the receipts will constantly increase while the expenses will remain fixed practically. The light plant was never expected to be self-supporting and it is a race between the water plant and the expenses. Everything taken into consideration, rentals, fire protection, lights and expense and interest the net figures are something like this:

Net cash from service and taps.....	\$ 551.15
Use of 60 hydrants at \$3.....	585.00
Use of 60 lights at \$6.....	1,080.00
Total.....	2,106.15
Bond interest.....	1,333.33
Net balance.....	\$ 772.82

To be sure the city is out money every month in operating the plants but putting the figures of what lights and hydrants would cost if rented by the city the plants pay interest and expenses and make \$772.82 in three months. This is not cash piled up in the treasury but cash saved as compared with the cost where corporations operate in other towns.

City Council Meeting.

The city council met Saturday night pursuant to adjournment.

The water and light committee reported favorably on the bill of L. M. Rumsey and it was allowed for \$337.41.

The committee favorably reported the bill of S. M. Cooper and it was allowed. Amount \$9.40.

The street commissioner reported that he had found fourteen street crossings badly in need of repairs. The matter was referred to the street and alley committee.

A communication from Mr. Bigger in regard to his warrants for \$2080, commission for refunding the Iola railroad bonds amounting to \$26,000, was read and the clerk instructed to send him warrants properly signed, upon presentation of his vouchers.

Notice and specifications for removal of dirt from street railway were reported by the street and alley committee and the clerk instructed to advertise for bids for the work.

The bill of J. L. Thompson, labor, was allowed for \$8.43.

The mayor appointed a committee including councilmen Robinson and Coutant and city attorney Travis Morse to examine the plans and specifications for the sewer system and to secure such information regarding same from Prof. E. O. Marvin, of the State University, when he comes to Iola.

The quarterly report of the superintendent of water and light was read and referred to the water and light committee.

There was a general discussion of letting to plumbers the right to handle material and put in water connections

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under the supervision of the water superintendent, so as to free the city of the expense and trouble.

Ordinance No. 432 was read and passed. It provides for the building new sidewalks on Elm, Jackson, Colborn, State, Campbell and Irving streets.

The contract with the county for building a smallpox hospital was read. The committee was instructed to prepare a lease for ground and notice for proposals for building the hospital.

Council adjourned to meet next Thursday, September 26, at 9:30 p. m.

Pyramids are Prosperous.

The Ancient Order of Pyramids held an open meeting in the K. of P. hall Friday night that was a great success. The band was hired to play a few numbers early in the evening and then the Pyramids and their friends adjourned to the hall, filling it comfortably. There were a good many out-of-town people present, including the seventeen members of the defunct Gas City lodge who will join here, Dr. Core and Editor Allison, of Chanute, a number from LaHarpe, several from Nevada, Mo., and Royal Prophet Post, of Kansas City, Kansas.

J. B. Atchison acted as chairman and Mr. Post made the principal address of the evening. Here reviewed the history of the order, its purposes and the gratifying manner in which the finances of the order are being managed. Before the year is out he said the reserve fund would show \$50,000 to the good. The membership is on the increase and the order stands high among the fraternal insurance bodies and is growing rapidly, more so since some of the other rival orders have been disclosing surprising weaknesses. After Mr. Post Mr. Allison, of Chanute, made a neat address and then everybody fell upon the banquet and left it a sorry wreck. Of the banquet it need only be said, as one of the visitors declared, "it was the best public feast I ever sat down to."

The Iola order now has over 180 members and will shortly begin initiating the thirty applicants who wish to get in.

Wild West Show Coming.

Iola has never seen a wild west show, having been missed by Buffalo Bill's show which many saw, however, at Ottawa. But this year she is not to be overlooked, having grown into the Wild West class. Saturday, September 28, Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show is coming here. Pawnee Bill is an interesting figure.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army of the United States, was asked during his recent visit to Cleveland if he had ever met Pawnee Bill. "Oh yes," he replied, "I have met him frequently on the frontier. Gordon W. Lillie, or Pawnee Bill, as he is better known in the west, now has a large ranch in Oklahoma at which I was once a guest."



He was made White Chief of the Pawnees and commanded a company of Pawnee scouts who did splendid service for the government. Afterwards, as Major Lillie, he was given a battalion of Indian police, or cavalry. The major is one of the most noted characters of the West.—Cleveland O. World.

Pawnee Bill and his magnificent exhibition of mounted heroes of the world will give two performances here. At least a thousand people are utilized. A special feature besides the Indians, Cowboys, Cossacks, Scouts, Arabs, Guides, Gauchos, Mexicans and Australian Bushmen is the juvenile Wild West for the little folks.

BURNEY THOMPSON SLUGGED

Friend Reported that He had Been Killed by Negroes on North Chestnut Street.

Again has the neighborhood about the Washington home on North Chestnut been proved a dangerous one. Several people have been robbed there and Saturday night a man was slugged and left for dead. The man was Burney Thompson, whose home is on North Cottonwood street.

He and a friend, whose name was not disclosed, were wandering about the Washington home Saturday night about midnight when a colored man induced Thompson to go behind the house near the barn with him. The friend remained out in the street, heard the dull thud of a blow and then hurried down town to inform the police. The officers secured several others to help and went to the scene where they searched high and low among the weeds. They found Thompson's hat but could not find him. Len Martin was awakened and he and the other colored folk were very indignant at the accusation.

The police spent several hours trying to locate the dead man and then gave up the search. Thompson was not to be found and his friend also had disappeared after notifying the officers. Finally the police went to the Thompson home to see if anything had been heard of him and there found Thompson and his friend fast asleep. Thompson had been drinking and was still dead to the world when aroused by the officers. His face was swollen and his mouth badly bruised, but he was in no condition to tell how it happened. The police still have the hat.

It is an outrage that such things should be so common right in town and it is surprising that so many men will hang around a thief-infested locality.

Long Suffering Wife Sues.

Sarah E. Gay has brought suit for divorce against her husband George L. Gay, and if her statements are true she is a much abused woman. She says she wedded the defendant in this county in 1883 and they lived at Moran until four years ago when they came to Iola. He was a strong man but refused to work. He abused her, once pushing her against a hot stove and refused to help support the family, which includes four children. She took in boarders, did washing and house-cleaning and for the little house they now own on North street she has paid more than half. Not only does he refuse to help her, but insists on living at the house where he interferes with the boarders, abuses her, calls her all manner of vile names. She asks for divorce, the custody of her children, the possession of the house and that he be compelled to pay something toward supporting the family. This is her version and his side has not been heard, but if the story she tells the court is true Gay is a gay devil in the matter of his marriage vows.

Free Fight at LaHarpe.

Friday was LaHarpe's time to celebrate pay day with a free for all fight. A number of the young men sent away for three kegs of beer and after drinking them went down town. Just west of the depot they stopped to make up the purse to pay for the refreshment and one fellow refused to pay the last dime assessed against him. Then a fight followed and more broken heads and bloody noses resulted than ever before seen in that town.

Bill Hinzle had his head cut open with a beer bottle, Bill Engle of Blue Mound was cut about the head with a retort, a negro who works on the new railroad and was laughingly watching the fun was knocked down with a brick bat by Harry Kelly, and the town marshal, H. O. Fitch was felled by a piece of retort. All were cut about the head and face and when they were lined up in justice court the room looked like a hospital after a battle.

THE COUNTY BAR MEETS.

Took Steps to Assure Judge Stillwell of Their Good Will and Hopes of His Recovery.

As previously planned the members of the Allen County bar association met Monday in the court house and discussed the coming term of the district court, especially as regards the presence of Judge Stillwell, T. S. Stover president of the Association, presided and S. C. Brewster was elected secretary.

The lawyers all talked freely, expressing their sorrow at the serious illness of the presiding judge of this district and hopes of his early and complete recovery. The sense of the meeting was finally embodied in a letter which will be sent to the judge at Erie. The letter states that the Allen County bar proposes to make the October term of court as light as possible on the judge if he can manage to be here, and that in case he believes for his own welfare he should not come, the bar cordially grants him a vacation of such length as shall fully restore him.

Judge Stillwell is just the kind of a man to appreciate such kindly assurances and the fitting action of the lawyers will undoubtedly help to free his mind from worry over his business affairs and thus tend to facilitate his recovery.

Gas at Piqua.

Mr. Charlie Campbell called up the REGISTER by telephone Tuesday and reported that a light flow of gas has been struck at that place in a well being drilled for Mr. C. J. Justice, proprietor of the Piqua hotel. The well is being drilled for water, and at a depth of forty feet gas was struck in sufficient quantity to burn at the top of the well. This shallow gas is not positive proof of a stronger volume at a greater depth, but it is certainly an indication that such a volume might be found, and it will have a tendency to revive prospecting in the neighborhood west of the river. The country between Iola and Piqua has been but little prospected, only one or two wells having been drilled, and they but a short distance from Iola. It is not at all impossible that a fine field might be developed in the neighborhood of Piqua, and if such should prove to be the case Iola could well afford to stand her share of the expense of development.

Street Railway Progress.

Work on the electric street railway is now taking on the aspect of the final rush. The concrete foundations for the power house and car sheds are completed and the buildings will be pushed along. The power house will be 24 by 80 feet and the car barn 24 by 112. The fill has also been made from the barn across to the track just this side of the Rock Creek bridge.

The Iola Concrete Company is rapidly getting the Rock Creek bridge in shape. All the frame work has been done and as soon as a mixer arrives which has been ordered the concrete work will be completed and the bridge completed.

Work on the track laying will be pushed to completion as soon as the bridge is finished so that cars of material for the engine house can be taken out on the line.

The brackets on the poles are to be put up this week and the Missouri Pacific crossing put in.

For a bad taste in the mouth take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by W. L. Crabb & Co., and Campbell & Burrell.

Track Laying Next Month.

The Iola, Ft. Scott & Western seems to be planning to beat the Electric railway in getting its line completed and under operation. To be sure it will have two large and several small bridges to build, one over Rock Creek and one over the Neosho, but it begins to look as if it might be running trains into Iola before the Electric runs a car.

The Ft. Scott Monitor says: "Barney Barkley, of this city, has just been appointed by President J. E. Henderson, of the Middle States Construction company, to superintend the laying of the new track of the Fort Scott, Iola & Western road between Iola and Moran. Mr. Barkley will leave in the morning for Parsons to consult with the officials there regarding the work. He intends to begin laying the track not later than the first of October. When this work is finished he will commence a similar job at Minden for the Katy."

Water Cure for Chronic Constipation.

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1433 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

First Two Days' Registration Show an Increase of 183 Over the Two Days Last Year.

As the REGISTER noted the other day, the first two days' registration in the Iola public schools in 1899 was 990. In 1900 the registration increased for the same period to 1250. The REGISTER predicted that it would pass 1400 this year and the report of Superintendent Mitchell this evening corroborates that prediction.

The first two days enrollment this year shows a total of 1433 children attending school. The old south building leads with 446; the north building has 397; the third ward building 352; the east building 91 and the high school 147. This is an increase of 183 over last year and an indication that Iola's population is certain to grow provided the death rate can only be held down.

Excitement Over Street Line.

There was quite a little excitement on south Cottonwood street Tuesday, Mr. Wheeler, who lives at the center of Cottonwood and Broadway had Late Stover make a survey of the street to determine just where the new side walk in front of the Wheeler home should be placed. Heran a line and discovered that the west side of street is three feet out in the road. This shoved back, meant a similar westward movement of the rear line of the lot, and the shoving of the alley over the lots in the west end of the block. Wheeler, Travis and others lost three feet off their front yard. Mr. Messman's barn was in the alley, another man's house was partly in the street. George Fry, being in the northwest corner of Rhoads' addition, escaped. What the outcome will be, and whether the line clear through town will be declared off is not known, but the last argument was to make a slight change and let the property remain as it is.

Rushing the New Road.

The Moran Herald says that the grading on the Iola, Ft. Scott & Western has been finished for a mile west of that town. The crew is working between LaHarpe and Gas City now and is rapidly coming west. 600 feet of track is laid and material for bridges is being piled up at Moran. Piqua will be the point where the road will connect with the other branch of the Katy. Mr. Henderson is quoted as saying that tracklaying will not be pushed until the grading is completed and then the steel will be hurried down and cars soon be running through from Moran to Piqua.

Funston Stood the Ordeal.

Sunday afternoon a telegram came to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Funston from Mrs. Fred Funston in San Francisco, stating that she had a short cablegram from Manila bringing good news of Fred. The latter had been operated on in the hospital for appendicitis and stood the operation well. The dispatch was a great relief to the relatives here for Fred has been out and shot to pieces several times already and it was feared that his wonderful vitality might fail in this case. The morning papers printed dispatches from Manila, briefly confirming the message received here.

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Some Commissioner Timber.

About the only matter to come up politically in this county this fall is the selection of a commissioner from the Third District, which consists of Geneva, Carlyle, Deer Creek, Osage and Marmaton townships. J. D. Christian, of Carlyle is the retiring commissioner and Carlyle will probably have a candidate as will several of the other townships.

A recent report is that the Republicans of Osage have been talking of Tom Anderson and that while Tom is not "out" he has not said he will not accept the position if tendered it.

Marmaton is said to be talking of J. D. Lacey and J. E. Hobby. Other candidates may be sprung later but the race is sure to be interesting.

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